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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA AND NORTH KOREA

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROKG TO RAISE WITH GOP QUESTION OF AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN RECOGNIZING NORTH KOREA, KOREAN AMBASSADOR PAID PRELIMINARY CALL ON AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FEBRUARY 1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAID AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL HAD SURPRISED HIS GOVERNMENT AND HE ASSUMED THAT IT WOULD ALSO ALARM SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. HE ASKED FOR ASSESSMENT OF HOW WE THOUGHT GOP WOULD REGARD ROKG DEMARCHE.

2. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN INFORMED HIM THAT SECRETARY INGERSOLL, AT REQUEST OF ROKG FON. SECY, HAD RAISED MATTER WITH GENERAL ROMULO. WE THOUGHT GOP WOULD PROBABLY REGARD ROKG'S PROBLEM SYMPATHETICALLY, AND ROMULO MIGHT WELL RAISE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM DURING VISIT. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN SUGGESTED THAT IN ORDER BRING ROMULO TO FOCUS, ROKG DEMARCHE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY WRITTEN DETAILED RATIO ALE FOR ROKG POSITION TO ARM GOP IN ANY
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DISCUSSION WITH WHITLAM. LOBBYING EFFORTS OF ROKG

WOULD CLEARLY BE HELPED IF IT COULD ALSO MARSHALL
BROAD ASIAN REACTION TO AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: WE THINK IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO SUGGEST
TO KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT WELL PREPARED AND
TIMELY REPEAT TIMELY RATIONALE ADLLD PROVIDE USEFUL
AMMUNITION FOR GENERAL ROMULO SHOULD HE RAISE MATTER.
WHITLAM DUE HERE 10TH BUT MATTER SHOULD
BE RAISED
APPRECIABLY EARLIER TO FORTIFY GOP RESOLVE.
SULLIVAN

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